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News Gathered With Pencil and Scissors, From Home and Neighboring Places

The Wrangell Drug Co.

The Jefferson was moored at the Reid wharf several days this week, waiting for fuel oil to arrive from Seattle on the Farallon. The expert who installed the new oil-burning plant on the liner had made a miscalculation on the amount of oil to be consumed, and the steamer layed 600 barrels having enough to run to Seattle. She consumes about two hundred barrels of crude oil daily.

After enjoying Alaska weather and visiting the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. R. Snyder, and other relatives of Mrs. Cook for five weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Cook and little Gladys left for their home at McMinnville, Oregon, on the Cottage City. They would like to have remained longer, but Mr. Cook's hop yard demanded his early attention.

Those mufflers recently bought by the council for the fire boys came in very good play at the fire last Saturday. The things cost \$2 each, but it is said they were worth \$500 apiece on this occasion, when, without them, it would have been almost impossible to go into the dense smoke to the fire.

Prof. Hepburn's classes in dancing and amateur theatricals are making excellent progress. Saturday night our citizens will have a chance to see and hear local talent in the great three-act Irish comedy drama "Shaun Aroon at Red Men's Hall."

Attorney George Irving came up from Ketchikan last week to appear for James Gleason in a civil action wherein H. C. DeVighe was plaintiff and Gleason defendant. While here Mr. Irving bought the gasoline launch Solace and took her to Ketchikan.

The wireless system of telegraphy is to be installed on all the boats operated by the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. This is done in order to enable the company to know at all times where their boats "are at" and what doing.

A dance given for the fire department at Seaward netted \$265. If everybody turns out for the social and dance on the night of February 22, Wrangell will do as well. Ladies, get your baskets ready and filled.

Town Trustee Inman informs a reporter that the townsite survey work will not be resumed until well into the summer. Inclement weather and short days is the cause of delay.

Rev. Harry P. Corser returned from Juneau on the Cottage City. While at Juneau he was ordained by Bishop Rowe and other clergy a deacon in the Episcopal ministry.

Haines had a \$20,000 fire last week, in which three business houses were destroyed and a soldier killed while fighting the fire.

During the shut-down the Electric Light Co. has made some needed repair, erected a new smoke stack, etc., at the station.

Wm. Tamaree's big new house on the Front street is almost completed, the inside work now being done.

Considerable trolling for king salmon has been done here during the past few weeks, but little success is reported.

Owing to some affection of the stove pipe at St. Philip's church, there was no service Sunday night.

Look at the connections of your lines and stovepipes. A bad time to have them out of repair.

Billy Richardson left out by sail, Saturday morning, for Geo. Looker's logging camp.

Chris Schefstad returned to his island home, Saturday, after having spent several days in town.

Johnny Choquette recently caught a marten near town, for which he received eighteen dollars.

The Misses Anna and Inga Berg left for Seattle on the Cottage City.

SHAUN AROON

Under Direction of Prof. L. A. Hepburn

CAST OF CHARACTERS
SHAUN AROON, a roving fellow with a light heart and a lighter purse — Mr. L. G. Griffith
Lord Fernoy, disguised as Bad Andy — G. E. Rodman
Fergus Riordan, Fernoy's rascally agent — L. A. Hepburn
Dan O'Grady, a sturdy farmer — J. H. Hoepfel
Tom O'Grady, Dan's son — John Perry
Old Hennings, a money lender — Steve Grant
Patrick, a servant — Geo. McGee
Nipper, a detective — James Thomas
Mrs. O'Grady, Dan's wife — Mrs. J. G. Grant
Molly, his daughter — Mrs. Carlson
Maggie, a maid servant — Miss Dolly Case

Time—Present. Place—Lord Fernoy's estate on Black Water River in Ireland.

SYNOPSIS

ACT I. Parlor in the Kings Arms Hotel—the old farmer with money and the scheming agent.—The plot.—Shaun and Bad Andy.—Fergus is surprised.—"Lave me choke 'im a bit."—Shaun is suspicious.—Molly and Maggie.—A bit of blarney.—Molly makes a discovery.—Fergus surprised again.—"Are you hurt?"—Fergus makes a proposal.—The answer.—"I've a mind to strike you!"—Shaun on hand.—His answer.

ACT II. A lapse of six months. The alarm.—Tom's arrival. The money lender.—Fergus' threat.—Shaun and Maggie.—A rumour.—The arrest.—The eviction.—"Stand back or I'll brain ye."

ACT III. Ante-room at Castle Fernoy. A lapse of two hours. Pat in clover.—Maggie seeks information.—A muscular maid. Hennings gets mad.—Bad Andy learns something.—The attempted whipping.—"Dance or I'll cut ye into fiddlesticks!"—The letter. The arrest of Shaun and Bad Andy.—Tom's promise.—The examination.—Hennings gets even.—"Who are you?"—"Fernoy of Fernoy Castle."—Fergus weakens.—The confession.—Shaun's invitation.—Happy ending.

BIG SCARE WITH A JUST CAUSE

Brisk Blaze Threatened to Repeat The Wrangell Calamity of March 24, 1906

Saturday morning last just after people had finished breakfast and an east wind was almost reaching a gale, the mournful tones of the fire bell aroused all to hasty action. "Where is it?" was the cry. But a glance down the main street was sufficient to answer the question, as black clouds of smoke and red tongues of flame were issuing from the top of the St. Michael store building. It looked pretty nasty; but prompt action on the part of firemen and citizens with the Babcock extinguishers and buckets with a line formed to the beach had the blaze under control, and people breathed easier.

The fire was the result of a lighted candle left in a small room occupied by Leo McCormack, when the young man arose in the morning. The candle evidently burned low and caught in the building. John Schuler was the first to discover it, and when he and Mr. McCormack burst open the door they were met by a sheet of flame that scorched their faces and almost drove them from the building. But by persistent effort they deadened the seat of the fire with several buckets of water and it was held in check until help arrived and the destroyer was subdued.

Thus was averted a second calamity within a year, as, had these two buildings burned, the Red Men's building across the street, the big brewery building, the Cassiar and all would have gone and very probably all of the buildings erected the past season would have been consumed as before, with the stiff gale that was sweeping down the street, and no apparatus with which to combat the flames had they gotten beyond control. And thus ended what promised at first to be one of the most disastrous conflagrations in the town's history.

The loss to the St. Michael people is estimated by Mr. McCormack to be about \$500, damage to building, removal of goods, etc., and they feel very thankful to have escaped with no greater loss. The west side of Mr. Greif's building was scorched a little, but the loss is nominal.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the citizens and friends who so nobly and heroically assisted in saving our store and stock from the demon fire on the morning of the 26th, which would have proved a great disaster only for their efforts.

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WHAT HE ADDED

Recently a church congregation in a little Kansas town built a church, and in order to pay for it they were obliged to call upon the merchants of the community for donations. The merchants responded liberally and \$300 was raised from that source. The last man to subscribe was John Smith, jeweler. "I will give you \$5 if you will let me add something to your subscription list," he said. Permission was accorded him and he wrote at the bottom:

John Smith, jeweler, -- \$5.00
Sears, Roebuck & Co. 0
Montgomery Ward & Co. 0

The church people saw the point when the minister read from the pulpit the list of donors to the building fund. Since the dedication of the church there have been no mail orders sent out from that Kansas town.—Ex.

Sam Cunningham's little new launch, which was so badly burned last fall, has been repaired and is in good shape.

Mrs. A. A. Hollenback has been quite ill for some time past at the home of Mrs. J. F. Hamilton.

Merchant Donald Sinclair has been laid up at his home for over a week past with a severe siege of tonsillitis.

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George Allen Curtis Snyder is the name of a bran new printer who came Saturday, January 26, 1907, to take up his home with SENTINEL people. He weighs eight pounds, has a fine, strong baritone voice, and the first thing he said was "Copy!"

SOME ALASKAN PROVISIONS

Important recommendations for river and harbor work in Alaska have been made by the rivers and harbors committee and this year's bill will probably authorize a survey of Dry Straits, with the view of improving this route as an alternative channel to be used instead of Wrangell Narrows. One of the most important projects ever contemplated for waterway improvement in Alaska has been favorably reported by Capt. P. G. Pillsbury of the corps of engineers, and has been endorsed by General McKenzie, chief of engineers. The report, with Gen. McKenzie's indorsement was sent to congress, giving the result of the preliminary survey of the proposed canal to connect St. Michael with the Yukon River. The construction of this canal would obviate the hazardous voyages across Bering Sea between St. Michael and the mouth of the Yukon and the scheme has been urged for years by commercial interests. General McKenzie's indorsement of the report is as follows: "The entire supply of the interior of Alaska is carried by boats plying on the Yukon River. The only known available point where merchandise can be transferred from sea-going vessels to river boats is St. Michael. The object of the improvement contemplated is to provide the smaller boats a more protected navigation between St. Michael and the Yukon River, about seventy miles. Capt. Pillsbury estimates that a channel six feet deep and 100 feet wide can be secured through the St. Michael canal at a cost of \$248,000."—D.I. News.

BORN—In Wrangell, Alaska, Monday, January 28, 1907, to the wife of Elmer Prescott, a son weighing 10½ pounds. Mother and child doing well.

Charley Merrill has taken up the creek near Anderson's boat house at the head of the bay for manufacturing purposes.

The Ramona arrived up at a late hour Tuesday night with a big mail and some freight.

Steve Grant accompanied the launch Solace to Ketchikan.

For "street walking," Louis Watcher has been sent to jail for three months, and George Shakes will serve a sentence of fifty-five days for assaulting Minnie Sunnook.

That bulletin board made by C. Edward Weber and fastened upon the end of the warehouse is alright. It will be used to bulletin the movements of ships and other important news.

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VRANGEL.....ALASKA.

It doesn't take the average man long to get short.

Don't expect a soft answer when you call a man hard names.

Isn't it getting to be a good while between dourmas in Russia?

Will the ambitious mothers of America parade Count Boni as a "horrible example?"

A man is very apt to find himself in other people's way when he insists upon having his own.

Japan is conquering Manchuria commercially, which is a more substantial and lasting way than shooting holes through it.

When Opportunit! knocks at your door and doesn't receive any answer she doesn't often leave a card with her address on it.

Count Boni de Castellane may now be listed with those people who have come to the conclusion that it is foolish to keep letters.

After this the American girl who marries a title must understand right at the start that it will be useless for her to expect any sympathy.

Every time a man and a woman engage in an argument the man gets a chance to say unprintable things and the woman to turn on the briny flow.

William Allen White, who originated the question, "What's the matter with Kansas?" has taken in more territory. He now asks "What's the matter with the United States?"

It costs Consuelo Vanderbilt \$100,000 a year to get rid of her dual husband. Some women would have dickered him down to \$99,998, and bought thread with the difference.

The husband who refuses to carry the baby, cut kindling or build fires is no longer entitled to his wife. This is now a court decision. It may be inserted in the next new divorce law.

The editor of Harper's Weekly says the American girl between the ages of 18 and 25 is a bore. But he has probably been unfortunate in associating with one who was wearing her first engagement ring.

It cost J. Pierpont Morgan \$10,000 duty to bring the manuscripts of two poems by "Bobbie" Burns to this country. How "Bobbie" would have been tickled if anybody had ever seen fit to prove to him that there was as much as \$10,000 in the world.

Off the banks of Nova Scotia they have for some time been catching fish ordinarily to be found only in tropical waters, and this strengthens the supposition that the gulf stream may be changing its course somewhat. The Canadian Fish Commissioner, Prof. Prince, reports meeting with several varieties of fish lately which are strange to that latitude.

Recently at Brockton, Mass., a 6-year-old child blew a man's head off with a shotgun; at Bangor, Me., a small boy killed his infant sister with a load of shot, and similar occurrences have been reported from other places. Ninety-nine per cent of gun accidents might have been avoided by the exercise of a small symptom of common sense. The children referred to in the dispatches found the guns in their home and the guns were loaded. To keep a loaded gun in the house is next to criminal carelessness. To keep a loaded gun in the house where there are children is idiotic.

High finance is not without its humorous phases and one of them is presented in the virtuously reprehensive attitude of the New York Exchange magnates toward gambling in mining and other "curb" securities. Such gambling is highly sinful, they say, because "the money thus employed comes almost entirely from a class of people who would otherwise be likely to use it in listed stocks." "Don't blow your money against the crap game in the alley," shout the stock exchange magnates; "come and buck our highly respectable faro bank." Is there no sense of the ludicrous on the stock exchange?

The business of The Hague conference is at once complicated and promoted by the number of questions which other conferences and conventions are submitting to it. At the recent conference in Berlin of the International Law Association, the proceedings of which will be submitted to The Hague, it was urged that floating and automatic mines be forbidden except in the waters of belligerents. They would not be allowed in passages like the British channel, which must be used as a thoroughfare by all nations. It was also the sense of the conference that letters conveyed by regular mail steamships should be free from molestation, that ships commissioned for warlike purposes should not be allowed to hoist a mercantile flag or change their character at sea, and that vessels captured while carrying contraband of war should be conveyed to port for legal investigation. Shortly

before this the Fifteenth Universal Peace Congress, at Milan, passed a resolution that ocean trade routes should be neutral. This resolution embodied a still earlier one adopted by the Lake Mohonk Conference of International Arbitration in June.

The picture post card has proved to be not only a joy to the millions, but an important source of profit to the Post Office Department. These cards are easy to handle and do not increase the expenses of post office administration in proportion to the revenue they bring in. Because of their financial value, which has seemed worth stimulating, the post cards have succeeded in securing a bit of favoritism from the government which no other mail matter has obtained. Before long it will be permissible to write messages on the address side of the cards as well as on the picture side. Probably hundreds of thousands of persons in America alone, and certainly millions if all the world is included, are picture post card collectors. A post card without a message from the sender is but half of a pleasure, but a message across the picture, or even beneath it, or at one side, is regarded by the collector as the right thing in the wrong place. When the new arrangement takes effect the sender may use the left half of the front of the card for his written message, and all of the blessings will be neatly delivered to the receiver without any of the evils. The United States is not the country that makes the innovation. Most of the European countries have already tried it, and even have private arrangements for the transmission of such cards across national boundary lines. By the last universal postal congress it was agreed that after Oct. 1, 1907, such cards should pass freely between all nations which are parties to the convention. Postmaster General Cortelyou has now issued an order providing for this, and also providing that after March 1 next such cards shall be admitted to the domestic mails. This is good news for the collectors, and presumably experience has sufficiently demonstrated that messages confined to one-half of the card will still leave free space enough on the other half to enable the mail men to make out the addresses without undue confusion.

WORK AMONG MOSLEMS.

Question Discussed at an American Board Meeting.

Following closely upon the acceptance of Mr. Leihman as ambassador at Constantinople comes the announcement of the new attitude of the American board toward mission work among the Moslems in Turkey, says the New York Tribune.

Hitherto it has been feared that Moslem fanaticism might result in violence against the missionaries at the front if it were plainly stated that this board is endeavoring through its missionaries to make Jesus Christ known to the followers of Mohammed. For nearly four score and ten years the board has maintained a silence that has been misinterpreted both in the east and in the west. Widely has the uncontradicted but erroneous statement been circulated that "mission boards are not working for the Christianization of Moslems," and that "no Moslems become Christian."

There is even a wide difference of opinion among the missionaries and the friends of the board as to the wisdom of discussing this question here. Some fear it may result in open fanatical violence against missionaries in Turkey and elsewhere, while others believe that the time has come when the board should speak boldly and frankly. Last April witnessed a long step in advance in the conference in Cairo, Egypt, where some seventy delegates assembled from all over the world to discuss this question. Since the conference was in a Moslem country, secrecy was maintained at that time to prevent the breaking up of the gathering. Two volumes are soon to be issued, giving to the world a full report of proceedings of the first world conference of Christians upon the subject of Mohammedanism and its relation to Christianity.

Printing Press in Tibet.

When approaching Tibet from the valley on the west a correspondent paid a visit to a monastery, there far famed for its printing press, says the Times of India.

In winter the press does no work, probably because the ink cannot be kept from freezing, and we are disappointed in our hopes of witnessing the manner in which sacred literature is manufactured in Tibet. All around a big hall are arranged in shelves the printing blocks, which are simply rectangular pieces of wood upon which a whole page of lettering has been carved. When in action a block is held in a vise and then levered by hand upon the paper, where it leaves a facsimile of the carving on its face.

The process is simple and expeditious, and several fat volumes can be printed in a day. But the blocks, of which there are very many thousands, represent long and patient labor, their workmanship and finish being very fine. Of the usual adjuncts of a printing press there are none at Nartank monastery except that unwashed condition of some of the monks and all of the attendants entitles them to rank with printers' devils.

It is bad enough for a popular man to attempt to get votes but it is the limit when an unpopular man tries to

Our idea of the right kind of a letter is one in which there is nothing to answer.



Marvels of invention in these times are looked upon as matters of fact. The announcement of the discovery of the X-ray ten years ago was indeed at first viewed with some incredulity; but when the proof was quickly produced, the world was ready to believe anything.

Wireless telegraphy was accepted as a matter of course; wireless telephony is now expected speedily to be made available. There is almost nothing too extravagant to be impossible for science, so far as the average man is concerned. Yet while these views are held of science, the ordinary person attending an exhibition of conjuring



STAGE DECAPITATION.

cannot escape a secret thrill in the presence of the possibly uncanny.

What he sees there are illusions, and deceptions. He knows that Kellar, for instance, has to get along without supernatural help. Everything the stage magician accomplishes is a trick, and the fascination of the exhibition is to be found chiefly in the universal curiosity which causes each spectator to desire to know how the illusion was performed, and partly in the old credence in the miraculous powers of black art.

One may hazard a "guess" as to the method employed in one illusion or another, but he is not likely to know whether or not his surmise is correct, for the secret of the tricks is their greatest value, and the simplicity of most of them would, were it generally known, lessen the desire to see them. The average book of magic is a tantalizing treatise to a person who "wants to know." It will give the explanation of hundreds of tricks no longer exhibited, and will describe those which may still be effective in terms so vague that their mystery is, if anything, made deeper.

Revelation in Magic.

An exception to the rule is "The Old and the New Magic," by Henry Ridgely Evans, which has been published by the Open Court Publishing Company of Chicago. This is a very chatty and illuminating volume, but, at times, its author takes it for granted that the reader is an adept. However, it is a very enjoyable but brief view of magic and magicians of all times. The modus operandi of some famous illusions or tricks is given, and, excepting to the professional or amateur who has followed stage magic closely, the book will prove a revelation.

One of the most simple but startling tricks shown on the stage is Thurston's "defiance of the laws of gravitation." Having made his entrance by giving some feats of card manipulation, he suspends a large ball in the air like Mahomet's coffin. It is apparently unattached to anything, for the magician passes a hoop about the ball. As he crosses the stage the ball follows him; and accompanies him, as he makes his exit. The feat is accomplished by a stream of compressed air. It is very simple, but it requires great skill to reproduce.

Herrmann's Gun Illusion.

The gun illusion, performed by the late Alexander Herrmann, was perhaps one of the most sensational feats ever presented. A squad of soldiers, under the command of a sergeant or corporal, comprised the firing party. The guns were apparently loaded with genuine cartridges, the bullets of which had been previously marked for identification by various spectators. The soldiers stood upon a platform erected in the center of the theater, and Herrmann stationed himself upon the stage. The guns were fired at him, and he apparently caught the balls upon a plate.

Upon examination the balls were found to be still warm from the effects of the explosion and the marks were identified upon them. The substitution of the show cartridges, which were loaded into the guns, for the genuine ones, was very subtly executed by

means of a trick salver having a small well let into its center to hold the cartridges. Into this well the marked cartridges were deposited by the spectators. In the interior of the salver was a second compartment loaded with blank cartridges. The sergeant who collected the bullets shifted the compartment by means of a peg underneath the salver as he walked from the audience to the stage. The sham cartridges were now brought to view, and the real were hidden in the body of the salver. While the soldiers were engaged in loading their rifles with the blank cartridges the sergeant went behind the side scene to get his gun and deposit the salver. A couple of assistants extracted the genuine bullets and heaved them. Herrmann went to the wing to get the plate, and secretly secured the marked bullets. The rest of the trick consisted in working up the dramatic effects.

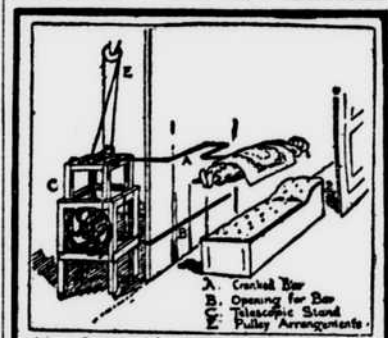
Conjurer Must Be Actor.

A great deal of the success in a trick such as this is due to the dramatic effects introduced by the wonder worker. The conjurer must be something of an actor as well as a clever sleight-of-hand performer. Herrmann was always happy in his "patter," the technical name for the magician's running conversation. He was a good bit of a comedian, and consequently was able to distract the attention of his audience from something he did not wish them to observe. He was not the first to make use of the bullet-catching trick, which really was invented by Robert Houdini, and also used by Anderson. However, Herrmann made it the great feature of his entertainment, and by performing it but seldom added to its interest, for it was believed by his audience that he placed his life in jeopardy every time he performed the feat.

Excepting the card and coin manipulators and the parlor magicians, the stage professor of the black art carries with him many tons of paraphernalia. The lightest, strictest effects are the results of elaborate and heavy apparatus, and the modern thaumaturgist must be accompanied by many mechanics and unseen assistants, as well as by the chief assistants whom the spectators notice. The confederate, as he was once known, is unnecessary nowadays. The gentlemen who go upon the stage from the audience to tie the knots are all of them very innocent, indeed. There is no need of confederacy, for the trick is really a genuine, carefully planned feat, and does not depend upon any collusion on the part of some one placed in the audience.

Some Feats of Kellar.

Kellar as a young man was assistant to the famous Davenport Brothers, and he reproduces some of their cabinet "mysteries" with considerable and more effective improvements. It is explained that the Davenport Brothers accomplished their feats by secretly taking up slack in the rope while it was being tied, thereby getting a loophole in the bonds through which to work one hand loose. Frequently they cut the cords



HYPNOTISM OR MECHANISM?

with knives secreted in their sleeves. Those who have seen Kellar's dexterous performance may form their own ideas as to whether or not he achieves his results in this way.

A master magician like Kellar usually improves upon the tricks he adopts. Thus Kellar's automaton "Psycho" is not identical with Maskelyne's, which has been explained, although not without dispute. Kempelen's automaton chess player, which caused a sensation in Europe in the eighteenth century, was of very difficult construction. An expose of Kempelen's masterpiece showed that it was operated by a man who was skillfully concealed in the machine. The present-day "Psycho" is under no such suspicion, being merely a product of mechanical ingenuity and a thorough knowledge of psychology.

Levitation and Flight.

In adopting the celebrated "levitation" mystery Kellar has also introduced improvements. It is a very surprising feat, and as first used by Kellar may be explained by the diagram shown.

An assistant is introduced, laid on an ottoman and then sent off into a hypnotic trance? This part of the feat, it may be explained, is the dramatic "leading up," a necessary feature in every sensational conjuring trick. The performer takes an ordinary fan and fans the body while it rises slowly about four feet in the air, where it mysteriously remains for any length of time desired. A large solid steel hoop is given for examination, and after the audience is satisfied as to its genuineness it is passed over the body from head to feet, behind the body and over it again, at once dispelling the idea of wires or any other tangible support used, the body, as it were, journeying through the hoop each time. It will be noticed that the cranked bar is the soul of the illusion.

Houdini, the "Handcuff King," who, by the way, is an American, has astonished even the police by the rapidity and ease with which he sheds handcuffs with which he allows himself to be fettered. Handcuffs are supplied with spring locks, and can only be opened by means of a key. As a matter of fact, Houdini relieves himself of his "bracelets" by using keys which he secretes about his clothing. The costume in which he performs is provided with sundry small pockets especially made for the purpose, and so arranged that he is able to place his hand upon some one or other of them in whatever position he may be. No matter how he may be burdened with his steel fetters, Houdini finds a way to dexterously withdraw a key, insert it in the locks and release his bonds.

One of the "big" sensational feats which was used by Herrmann, among others was De Kolts and Maskelyne's illusion, called "Black Art; or, the Mahatmas Outdone." The paraphernalia for this act is considerable, but the success of the performance rests upon the histrionic ability and the dexterity of the performers. The stage is all hung in black. Special exposed footlights and sidelights prevent one peering into the mystic darkness beyond. Furniture and human beings are produced and vanished at a word, and a lady is "decapitated." An assistant, dressed in black velvet and wearing black gloves and a black hood, is in the apartment all the time. When a chair is to be produced he quickly whisks off the black velvet cover which had concealed it, and, behold, a white chair is in plain view. Throughout the scene the performer is attired in white.

PRIVILEGED TRAVELERS.

Danish Roads Compelled to Carry "Deadheads" Perpetually.

The town of Lauenburg, in Schleswig-Holstein, enjoys a privilege which is probably unique in the world—that of free transit by rail to and from the neighboring town of Buchen. As the inhabitants number about 5,500 and the distance is about nine miles, the costliness of the privilege to the railway companies is great.

The queer exemption, according to the London Globe, dates from 1844, when the Berlin-Hamburg line was built. The Lauenburgers made great sacrifices to secure that the line should touch their town, but the physical difficulties were so great that the engineers abandoned the idea and took it through Buchen, to which town the Danish government afterward constructed a branch from Lauenburg, giving to the Lauenburgers in perpetuity the right of free transit for themselves and their baggage.

The Prussian railway administration has several times tried to rid itself of this burden, but the courts have always upheld the right. Quite recently a Lauenburg choral society, made to pay their fares to Mecklenburg, have appealed and the courts have ordered the deduction of the Buchen portion.

Useful Teeth.

Many different reasons are assigned by people for their unwillingness to submit to the extraction of teeth. But it was no fear of pain which was uppermost in the mind of Miss Mehitabel Lamson of Willowby, when told by the dentist that she would be much benefited by the loss of two of her prominent teeth.

"You say they can't be filled," she said, in evident distress, "and you couldn't get any others in for me for mor'n a fortnight?"

The dentist admitted, reluctantly, that it was so.

"Well, then, I suppose I'll have to get on as best I can," and Miss Mehitabel seated herself in the torture-chair. "But I don't see how I shall make out. Here I am, chambermaid to the Willowby Inn during the summer, and it's chock-full of folks, with lots o' transients coming and going and those are my pillow-case teeth!"

His Only Hope.

Sinnick—Isn't it ridiculous how some fellows get the habit of talking to themselves?

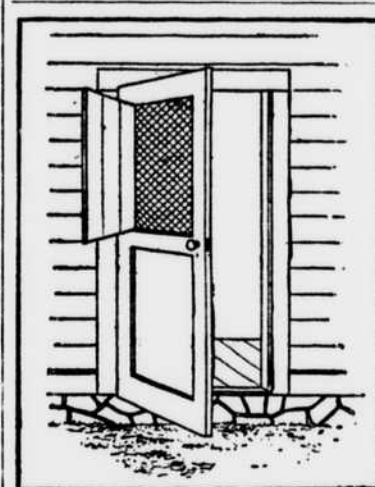
Knox—O! I don't know. That habit might do you some good. You'd stand a chance, then, of hearing something good about yourself occasionally.—Philadelphia Press.

EVOLUTION OF THE LION OF THE HOUR.



Convenient Hen House Door.

It is frequently desired to allow ventilation through the henhouse without opening the doors so that the fowls may get out. An arrangement which makes this possible is shown in the cut, consisting of an opening in the upper half of the door, inside of which a screen is placed. This allows ventilation in the henhouse without draft upon the birds. Ordinary poultry netting may be used in the opening, with a tight boarded shutter to be



A VENTILATING DOOR.

closed in stormy weather and at night. Thorough ventilation of the henhouse is very essential, since hens need fresh air quite as badly as they need fresh water, and modern henhouses are being built tight, so that sufficient ventilation must be provided for through ventilating flues or openings in the windows and doors.—Farm and Home.

Fall Plowing.

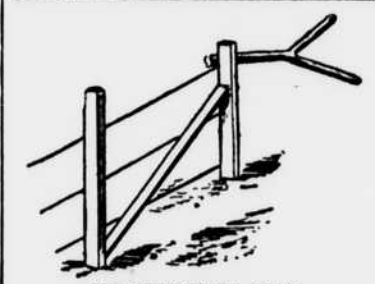
It sometimes happens that one has to plow sod whenever the opportunity presents itself for doing the work, without reference to whether the time chosen is the best or not. Some arguments might be advanced in favor of early fall plowing, while late fall plowing also has its advantageous features. If plowing is done early in the fall, say, in September or October, it is usually necessary to do a little disking before the ground freezes up, otherwise the grass may make considerable growths, and this in turn prevents the sod from decaying. If one has the available horse power and also the time to do the work, bluestem sod may be brought into fine condition by plowing it early and afterwards disking it. The ordinary method is to plow late in the fall. If the sod is turned over completely with but little buckling, the grass will make but little headway, and consequently a saving of labor will be affected, as compared with early plowing.—Field and Farm.

Scarcity of Quail.

Quail starved to death by thousands in the winter of 1904-05, but last winter they had an easy time except in February and March. From Massachusetts to Indiana the quail are so scarce that restocking has become necessary. The birds for this purpose are hard to find. More than 100,000 have been captured in Alabama and the southwest, where they still occur in abundance, and have been shipped north for breeding. Even this supply is inadequate, and may not last long. The quail is perhaps our most popular game bird, and a market will be found for all that can be procured. Complete success has been had in raising them on a small scale. Why should not some one go into the business on such a scale that he could turn out 100,000 quail per year?—Country Life in America.

To Stretch Fence Wire.

Go to the woods and cut a wide spreading fork, three inches in diameter at butt end, and three feet to each



FOR STRETCHING WIRE.

crotch. Cut off fork branches so as to have three feet spread at wire. Use both as lever and windlass, as shown in diagram. Staple wire on top and drive large nail in post beneath to hold in place. Now wind up and staple. Can stretch eighty rods at one time.

World's Sheep Supply.

This country is beginning to gain slowly in its number of sheep and yield of wool. But here the lamb and mutton demand has developed so rapidly that from this cause the increase is slower than in some other countries. Argentina seems to stand at the head now in numbers, having 74,379,562 head, and Australia 72,322,918. Russia is third, with about 53,000,000, and the United States next, with 45,170,423. The United Kingdom claims 29,076,777. France has 17,800,985 sheep, against Germany's 7,907,173. Cape Colony has 11,818,829 sheep and Natal 726,752.

Use and Value of the Silo.

The use and value of the silo has made phenomenal progress throughout the country during recent years. In 1888 the United States Agricultural Department reported only ninety silos in the country. The recent report finds approximately 500,000. Formerly the benefits of the silo were almost wholly unknown to the average farmer; now it is found to be a necessity on thousands of farms. This is especially true in the corn belt, where the silo is almost a necessity in economical dairying. Recent experiments prove conclusively that the use of silage is quite as much of a necessity in beef production. It not only provides a palatable, succulent, healthy food, but enables the farmer to keep about twice the number of live stock as before the advent of the silo. It not only produces nearly double the quantity of dairy products and beef, but augments the fertility of the soil. The silo is here to stay, and every farmer should plan to have one. With all its other advantages, there is no other way that roughage can be so cheaply stored.

How to Drive a Well.

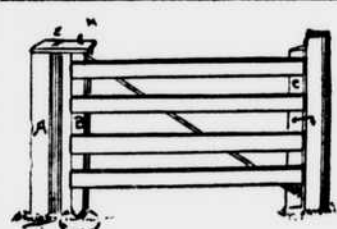
In many sections of the country where there is a gravelly sub-strata, the obtaining of water is a comparatively simple matter by means of a driven well, says Farming. The method is as follows: A section of pipe (a convenient size being inch and a quarter) is fitted with a point of iron. This pipe is bored full of holes, which are covered with a brass gauze. The point is driven into the ground by a sledge hammer and five-foot sections of galvanized iron pipe are joined to it as it is driven into the ground. Frequent tests are made with a pitcher pump to discover when water has been reached. This method of obtaining water is not altogether satisfactory, because from the very nature of things the work has to be done blindly, and very often one is obliged to give up entirely after having driven twenty or thirty feet of pipe through quicksand from which no water can be obtained.

Mulching Peach Trees.

The Nebraska experiment station has demonstrated that rapidly growing peach trees are made harder in both wood and fruit bud by the use of a cover-crop. By drying the ground somewhat in late summer the growth of the trees is checked and the wood matures properly before the advent of freezing weather. Cover-crops that survive the winter—rye, for instance—are detrimental to orchards, because they dry the ground excessively in spring when the trees need abundant moisture. Cover-crops that are killed by the early frosts are better than those which live later, because as soon as killed they stop drying the soil, catch fall rains and winter snows and check evaporation.

Gate for the Farm.

This gate can be made from the farmer's wood pile. A is main post, B is a post 4 inches in diameter, setting on a stone, D about 10 inches thick, half in the ground, with a depression in cen-



CHEAP FARM GATE.

ter, post B made to fit it. Bore 1 1/2-inch holes, put hardwood in and wedge the same at post S. E is a piece of 2-inch plank with hole to hold post B. F is a brace from B to C. This gate will last for many years and will swing either way.

Electric Farming.

Experiments in electrical farming, which have been held by Prof. Lamstrom, of Helsingfors, have demonstrated some very interesting facts. In one experiment with carrots the yield was increased 30 per cent the first year and 90 per cent the second year over plants that were not treated electrically. In another experiment with potatoes where the current was generated galvanically in the earth by means of copper and zinc plates connected by insulated wires strung above growing vines, an increased yield of from 60 per cent to 100 per cent was recorded. Some scientists now claim that the large harvests of Spitzbergen and Finland are due to the electrical influence of the aurora borealis.—Farming.

Essential of a Silo.

The proper construction of the silo is of the greatest importance. If the sides of the silo are not airtight, too much air is admitted and the silage will spoil. If the walls are not perfectly rigid the presence of the silage will cause them to spring out, thus allowing air to enter between the silage and the wall, and, again, the result is decayed silage.

Before building a silo the most careful attention should be given to location, size, form and method of construction. These will differ somewhat according to locality and individual needs.—Farming.

Fruit Trees and Rabbits.

When snow is on the ground rabbits have a hard time securing food and will eat anything that will prevent starvation. It is then that they gnaw the trees and do damage which is not within the power of the farmer to repair. Smearing the trunk with blood or wrapping the trees with tarred paper or mosquito netting two feet from the ground serves as a protection.

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A VICTORY FOR TRAFFIC

A canal across Cape Cod has been a dream of Atlantic Coast shippers for many years, but has been constantly blocked by railroad interests. Within the last two years, however, traffic as a physical fact has placed the railroads on the defensive.

Some one, seeing the moment opportune, has revived the project, and apparently a canal across this stormy stretch of protruding Massachusetts is assured.

One of the great New York banking firms is to finance the project and William Barclay Parsons, the famous New York engineer, has been engaged on the plans for the past eight months.

The canal will be dug at sea level, provide a twenty-five-foot channel at low water, be eight miles in length, cost \$10,000,000 and be completed in a little over two years. It will shorten the inside route between Boston and New York by seventy miles and the outside route by 125 miles.

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Added to an immense marine traffic up and down this particular part of the coast, there is a lack of anything that might be called an engineering difficulty. The canal will increase traffic, for not only freight ships but big passenger vessels can with great safety use this new channel.

The passenger competition with railroads is not likely to be much felt, since the element of time is against the water route. Yet the passenger competition will be sufficient to keep the railroad fare down to the minimum.

Sitka Alaskan: "Keep it out of the paper" is the cry which the newspaper publisher daily hears. To oblige often costs considerable, though the party who makes the request thinks the granting scarcely worth saying "thank you" for. A newspaper is a peculiar thing in the public eye. The news gatherer is stormed at because he gets hold of one item and is abused because he does not get another. Young men, and often young women, as well as older persons, perform acts which become legitimate items for publication and then rush to the newspaper office and beg the editor not to notice their escapades. The next day they condemn the same paper for not having published another party doing the same thing they were guilty of, forgetting apparently their late visit to the printing office.

It is reported at Pacific Grove, Cal., that a tropical plant has been found having the extraordinary power of forecasting atmospheric and seismic disturbances. Its popular name is the weather plant.

When changes in magnetic or electric influences occur, the leaves and twigs perform certain movements signifying the proximity of the disturbance. It is said that storms can be foretold from two to seven days and earthquakes as far ahead as twenty-six days over an area of 300 square miles. Prof. Josef Norvack, an Austrian, who has been studying these plants, will establish bureaus in San Francisco, Bombay and Tokio.

Some papers express the fear that Harriman is boosting Root for president. But the fact is Harriman's demand for more power for the railroads is boosting Bryan with his government ownership platform. The railroad magnates, by persisting in the demand for more while paralyzing the business of the country with car shortage, have it within their power to force Bryan's nomination and possibly his election as a government ownership candidate. Unless Secretary Root's warning is heeded there is danger of such a happening.

In Turkey there are 1,500 schools in which girls receive education. There are forty secondary schools having three thousand on their rolls. The learning of the Koran is compulsory and arithmetic, geography and elementary science are taught. Teaching has now become a respectable profession and young women, after passing the normal examinations, elect to become tutoresses in distant parts of the Turkish empire.

Uncle Sam has been asked to sell the postal business of the country to a syndicate of capitalists. The tendency of the times is toward government ownership and control rather than away from it, and old Uncle Sam will not jump at the chance to accept what appears on the face to be a bargain offered by the capitalists.

Treasurer's Delinquent Tax Sale

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 20 of Ordinance No. 12 of the Town of Wrangell, Alaska, duly passed and approved on the 4th day of August, 1904, providing for the sale of property to satisfy assessments against the same in said Town, where the taxes have become delinquent, I will, at the hour of 1 o'clock, P. M. on

Monday, February 11, 1907

in front of the Red Men's Hall building in said town, offer for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder (or bidders) for cash in hand on day of sale, the following described lots, parts of lots, buildings and other property described in this notice to satisfy the unpaid taxes on same for the year 1906:

Berg, Jorgen—Building and tract of land formerly known as the Magilligan property.....	\$ 10 00
Clark, Willoughby—One house and lot on Front street, opposite Penel Mission.....	2 00
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Thomas, Bob estate—One house and lot near Tom Kanani's.....	50
Wakefield, Lee H.—One house and lot on Church street.....	75
One house or such part of same as may be within the incorporate limits of the Town of Wrangell.....	3 00

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